

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

Please cancel the current abstract of the disclosure and replace it with the following new abstract:

5 A method of playing a slot machine game in which a player wagers upon one or more symbols and then collect awards for combinations of two or more symbols wagered upon appearing in adjacent to each other in the symbol matrix. The slot machine game may also provide a symbol repositioning feature in which one or more symbols are moved from their original positions to other positions in the symbol matrix.